

# Bloomfield Police Department Community Policing Unit

## HOME SECURITY CHECKLIST

As a service to the residents of Bloomfield, members of the Community Policing Unit will provide an on-site home visit, supplemented by the following home crime prevention survey. This service is provided at no charge as part of the township's ongoing crime prevention effort.

The survey items will be discussed during the visit or you may use the form to guide your home safety measures. Boxes marked "no" indicate areas where you could take action to improve your home's security and decrease the likelihood of targeting by burglars.

Once you have filled out the form, contact Sgt. Naomi Zepeda at (973) 680-4627 or [nzepeda@bloomfieldnjpd.com](mailto:nzepeda@bloomfieldnjpd.com) to arrange an appointment.

### Exterior Doors

YES NO

All doors are locked at night and every time we leave the house – even if for just for a few minutes.

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Doors are solid hardwood or metal-clad.

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Doors feature wide-angle peepholes at heights everyone can use.

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If there are glass panels in or near doors, they are reinforced in some way so that they cannot be shattered.

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Each entryway has a working, keyed entry lock and sturdy deadbolt lock installed into the frame of the door.

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Spare keys are kept with a trusted neighbor, not under a doormat or planter, on a ledge, or in a mailbox.

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### Garage and Sliding Door Security

The door leading from the attached garage to the house is solid wood or metal-clad and protected with a quality keyed door lock and deadbolt.

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	YES	NO
The overhead garage door has a lock so that we do not rely solely on the automatic door opener to provide security.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
All garage doors are locked when leaving the house.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The sliding glass door has strong, working key locks.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A dowel or a pin to secure a glass door has been installed to prevent the door from being shoved aside or lifted off the track.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The sliding door is locked every night and each time we leave the house.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Protecting Windows

Every window in the house has a working key lock or is securely pinned.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Windows are always locked even when they are opened a few inches for ventilation.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Outdoor Security

Shrubs and bushes are trimmed so there is no place for someone to hide.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
There are no dark areas around our house, garage or yard at night that would hide prowlers.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Floodlights are used appropriately to ensure effective illumination.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Outdoor lights are on in the evening – whether someone is home or not, or a motion sensitive lighting system has been installed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Our house number is clearly displayed so police and other emergency vehicles can find the house quickly.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Security When You're Away From Home

At least two light timers have been set to turn lights on and off in a logical sequence when we are away for an extended period of time.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The motion detector or other alarm system (if we have one) has been activated when we leave home.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	YES	NO
Mail and newspaper deliveries have been stopped or arrangements for a neighbor/friend to pick them up have been made when we go away for a period of time.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A neighbor has been asked to tend the yard and watch our home when we are away.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Outdoor Valuables and Personal Property</b>		
Gate latches, garage doors and shed doors are locked with high-security, laminated padlocks.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gate latches, garage doors and shed doors are locked after every use.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Grills, lawn mowers, and other valuables are stored in a locked garage or shed, or if left out in the open, are hidden from view with a tarp and securely locked to a stationary point.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Every bicycle is secured with a U-bar lock or quality padlock & chain.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bikes are always locked, even if we leave them for just a minute.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Firearms are stored unloaded and locked in storage boxes and secured with trigger guard locks.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Valuable items, such as televisions, stereos and computers have been inscribed with an identifying number.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Our home inventory is up-to-date and includes pictures. A complete inventory is kept somewhere out of the house.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Recommendations and Comments**

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